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Dear Examiner Hoosain:

Please find attached a proposed amendment to claim 57 that we believe may be useful as a basis for our scheduled telephone interview. As we discussed previously, we will call you tomorrow (Tuesday, December 16) at 2:00 p.m. to review the proposed revisions. Thanks.

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Title Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Telephonic Members and Providing Directory Assistance

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**Proposed Draft Amendment to Pending Independent Claims
(With Markings to Show Changes)**

57. (currently amended) A method for managing a call from a caller to an information assistance service, the method comprising:

receiving signals associated with the call which include information concerning a local calling area associated with a communications device from which the call originates~~information concerning a first calling area associated with the call;~~

eliciting from the caller an information assistance request;

searching a database for results responsive to the information assistance request, the results including a destination telephone number;

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determining ~~whether that~~ a connection is to be made from the first local calling area to a second calling area outside the local calling area, the second calling area being indicated by the destination telephone number ~~entails a service of a selected type;~~

determining whether the caller is authorized to have the connection ~~which entails the service of the selected type~~ made through the information assistance service based on a status-
a caller *which identifies allowed types of calls*
of an account associated with the caller; and *ad info to be received by the caller*

making the connection when it is determined that the caller is authorized to have the connection made ~~which entails the service of the selected type.~~

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have calling area, ~~and~~ ANI of non-have calling area and a destination
number
wherein the account comprises:
• allowed type of calls for the caller
• information to be received by the caller